

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/966,281

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to a Request for Continued Examination filed 8/15/05.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-13, 20-22 and 24-27.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of

Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material


5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date hereto

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other


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Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with M. Paul Qualey, Jr. (Reg No. 43,024) on 10/18/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 7 and 28 have been amended as follows:

Claim 7 (currently amended) A system for collecting calendar information from a predetermined calendar source and distributing calendar data to a subscriber, said system comprising:

an optical imaging device configured to capture an image of calendar data;

a collection and distribution unit communicatively coupled to the optical imaging device and a network via a network interface, the collection and distribution unit comprising a storage memory for storing a subscriber list and configured to integrate calendar data from the image of calendar data into a native format of a calendar database; and

a subscriber unit registered with the collection and distribution unit and configured to receive calendar data from the collection and distribution via said network interface in accordance with said subscriber list; and

an input device operative to capture calendar data from a subscriber-designated

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calendar source of the subscriber list responsive to identifying the subscriber-designated calendar source from the subscriber list such that the calendar data is captured without the calendar data being designated with the collection and distribution unit for distribution to the subscriber unit.

Claim 28 (canceled)

Reasons For Allowance

1. Claims 1-5, 7-13, 20-22, 24-27 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, taken individually or in combination, fail to teach a system for collecting calendar information from a predetermined calendar source in which an input device is configured to capture calendar data from a subscriber-designated calendar source in response to an identification of the source from a subscriber list stored in a storage memory such that the calendar data is captured without the calendar data being designated with the collection and distribution unit for distribution to the subscriber unit. These limitations, as presented in all independent claims, taken in context of a calendar information collections system as presented in the instant application are distinguished over all prior art.
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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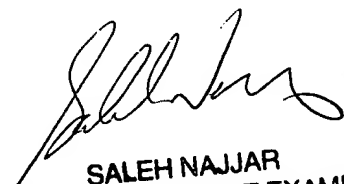
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance and Examiner's Amendment."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asad M. Nawaz whose telephone number is (571) 272-3988. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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